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## EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Agreement ☐ was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. ☒ was not reached.

Claims discussed: 9

Identification of prior art discussed: Bay et al and Chisholm et al.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant discussed

that his head is conformable to the body, that Chisholm et al  
is non-analogous art, that his rivet has projections which  
extend from the shaft to a dimension <sup>g</sup> which is greater than the <sup>head</sup> ~~base~~ <sup>biodegradable</sup>  
extends from the shaft. Applicant also discussed the varying rates of biodegradation  
his rivet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

Unless the paragraphs below have been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then applicant is given one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.☐ Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action.

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Examiner's Signature